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1. EMBOFF ASKED FCO DESK OFFICERS FOR IRAQ AND KUWAIT ON FEBRUARY 11 TO WHAT DEGREE FCO BELIEVES IRAQI TROOPS ARE STILL POSITIONED IN KUWAITI TERRITORY. FCO OFFICERS POINTED TO THE THREE LOCATIONS IN WHICH THE KUWAITIS ALLEGE THAT IRAQI TROOPS ARE ACROSS THE BOUNDARY, IN ONE CASE FOR AS MUCH AS A MILE. HOWEVER, THE FCO OFFICERS SAID, WHILE THE BOUNDARY WAS THEORETICALLY DEFINED ON PAPER, IT WAS DONE SO VERY IMPRECISELY, WITH NO DESCRIPTION BY GEOPHICAL COORDINATES AND WITH USE OF SUCH PHRASES AS "TO A POINT NORTH OF SAFWAN" WITHOUT THE DISTANCE NORTHWARD BEING GIVEN. MOST IMPORTANT, THE BOUNDARY HAS NEVER BEEN PHYSICALLY DEMARCATED ON THE GROUND, EVEN WITH BOUNDARY POSTS. UNDER THE CIRCUMSTANCES, THE FCO OFFICERS MAINTAIN, NO ONE CAN TELL WHERE THE BOUNDARY LIES TO WITHIN A DISTANCE OF A MILE. THUS, EVEN WHEN IRAQI TROOP DISPOSITIONS ARE SPOTTED FROM THE AIR, IT CANNOT BE DETERMINED WHETHER

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THE THREE POSITIONS ARE INSIDE KUWAITI TERRITORY. FCO UNDERSTANDS THE KUWAITIS WANT TO SIT DOWN WITH IRAQI REPRESENTATIVES WITH MAPS AND ATTEMPT TO FIX THE BOUNDARY EXACTLY, BUT THAT THE IRAQIS ARE SHOWING NO INTEREST.

2. FCO EXPERT ON BOUNDARY LINES IN GULF IS PATRICK

BANNERMAN OF THE RESEARCH DEPARTMENT. DURING BRIEF DISCUSSION WITH EMBOFF SAME DAY, BANNERMAN SAID A MAJOR STUDY HE HAD DONE ON THE KUWAIT/IRAQ LINE HAD ALREADY BEEN PASSED TO THE DEPARTMENT, PRESUMABLY INR.

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